

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Amended) A starch composition comprising a first fraction comprising cross-linked starch and at least a second fraction comprising depolymerized starch.
2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first fraction comprises starch cross-linked by using sodium trimetaphosphate, phosphorus oxytrichloride or adipic anhydride.
3. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first fraction further comprises stabilized starch.
4. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 3 wherein said first fraction is stabilized by hydroxyalkylation.
5. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said second fraction comprises depolymerized starch obtained by oxidation.
6. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said second fraction further comprises stabilized starch.
7. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 6 wherein said second fraction is stabilized by acetylation.

8. (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said starch is derived from potato.

9-15. (Deleted)

16. (Previously added) A method for preparing a thickened foodstuff comprising mixing a starch composition comprising a first fraction comprising cross-linked starch and at least a second fraction comprising depolymerized starch with a water-based liquid.

17. (Previously added) A method according to claim 16 wherein said foodstuff comprises confectionery.

18. (Previously added) Foodstuff comprising a starch composition comprising a first fraction comprising cross-linked starch and at least a second fraction comprising depolymerized starch.

19. (Previously added) A foodstuff according to claim 18 wherein the use of said composition at least partly replaces the use of gelatine in said foodstuff.

20. (Previously added) Confectionery comprising a starch composition comprising a first fraction comprising cross-linked starch and at least a second fraction comprising depolymerized starch.